GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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FOODGRAINS SCAM IN UP
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the scam involving misappropriation of huge quantity of foodgrains meant for distribution among the Below Poverty Line under various schemes in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to get this scam investigated by some Central agency;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that it is not correct that any scam has occurred in the State. However, in response to a press cutting regarding misappropriation of foodgrains under SGRY Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that for the districts of Sant Kabir Nagar, Balia and Barabanki, investigations have been done and action will be taken as per rules.

Under the Targetted Public Distribution System, distribution of foodgrains to the beneficiaries and monitoring thereof, is the responsibility of the State Governments.